

Grace Episcopal Church

2022 Annual Report



*Moving forward together...
Seeking, loving, and doing God's work
United in scripture, tradition, and reason*

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**Grace Episcopal Church
Annual Meeting
January 15, 2023**

Agenda

Worship and Eucharist

Prayer

Declaration of a Quorum

Election of New Vestry Members

Election of New Convention Delegate & Alternate

Reports

Please read about the many things “our little church with a big heart” was able to accomplish in 2022.

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| • Vicar | The Rev. Anne West |
| • Senior Warden | Ann Mingledorff |
| • Treasurer & Stewardship | Linda Robbins and Melissa Napier |
| • 2022 Close-out & 2023 Budget | Linda Robbins and Melissa Napier |
| • Junior Warden | Greg Kula |
| • Altar Guild/ Music/Worship | Jenny Morris/Suzanne Pattison / Lenny Grasso |
| • Episcopal Church Women | Jeannie Palin |
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Adjourn with Prayer

~VICAR'S 2022 ANNUAL REPORT~

Our Annual meeting always propels me to look back into the history of this beautiful Church we call home. I commend to any of you who have not had a chance to soak in some of our history the book, *A Place Apart*, compiled by Phil Palin.

I always relish the idea of looking back on the year we just finished as we head with hope and love into the unknown new year.

This Annual report also affords me the opportunity to say thank you to so many who lead in so many ways at Grace Church. This is where I will start.

Thank you

Jenny Morris who leads the Altar Guild and understands the sacred responsibility of caring for the vessels and the altar when we come together to worship in the sanctuary.

Jeannie Palin who leads the ECW of Grace making sure that we have time to gather together, shares the work of the larger Diocesan ECW, represents us faithfully in the Region, and gathers the women to raise money for so many worthy local organizations.

Bert and Barbara Nye who amaze me every year when they begin to plan for the garden's plantings and growth and then get out there daily to weed and tend and share. They also understand the importance of being a welcoming community and continue to organize and offer our Fifth Saturday Brunches.

Jean and Andy Byerly who will do any good deed to keep the Church property looking good and for their constant love and care for our neighborhood kids offering a variety of ways for these kids to get outside, exercise and be in touch with God's creation.

Ron Morris whose arm can occasionally be twisted to offer a Bible study as long as it leaves room for the theology and work of CS Lewis. He is a gifted teacher and you should take advantage of any opportunity he offers to dig deeper into our faith.

Pat Peck who stepped up and offered to be our chief cook for the months we volunteered to prepare and serve at Tuesday Table. She is a meticulous planner and cook. She has had many volunteers to help including Ann McDaniel, Agnes Dalton, and Kathy Dewes.

Melissa Napier who not only stepped in to fill Linda Robbins big shoes as Parish Administrator after retiring from 30 years of teaching but has been a blessing to the children who come to Grace Church on Sundays for Sunday school and know her as a kind generous teacher. She is helped often by Bert and Barbara and Autumn Mawyer.

What a joy it has been to share in ordained ministry with **Kathryn Thomas**. Kathryn will lead the Pastoral Care Committee from this point forward to ensure that we are caring for each other in times of need and that we look for ways to serve those in need in the larger Greene County Community. She ably represents Grace Church on the YDC Board. Kathryn continues to bring her passion and love of God's creation by helping to orchestrate a wonderful weeklong summer Creation Care Camp for children.

I am sure I have missed someone and some important work but hope that it gets attention in the second part of my report, the joys of 2022.

The joys of 2022

For the most part we have been able to resume our ministries as COVID has waned. This has included gathering in person for weekly worship, resuming Bible study, gathering for fellowship after Church, and on fifth Saturdays, blue jean Saturdays, summer camp and so much more.

We have tried some new creative things such as a Dramatic reading of the Passion, gathering with SUMC for blessing the palms, our glorious sunrise service at the Winslow's, and a cute rendition of The Friendly Beast at Christmas.

As a Church we have collectively given over \$6000 to local outreach. This does not include your personal giving to organizations that do good work.

Our current Vestry; Senior Warden **Ann Mingledorff**, Junior Warden **Greg Kula**, Clerk **Ann McDaniel**, **Brian Pattison**, **Bruce Johnson**, **Ezmee Hutton** and **Gwen Atwood** have been great leaders. They have led us through the completion of our parking lot and the sale of some unusable property. They have helped us celebrate the retirement of Linda Robbins as our treasured Parish Administrator and the welcoming of Melissa to the Staff. I am grateful beyond words for their time as Vestry members.

Suzanne Pattison and Lenny Grasso together offer us the most amazing music program any small Church has the chance to offer. They work so well together and they are both excellent musicians. We are so blessed to have them at Grace. I want to make sure in the coming year that we celebrate the opportunities that we have to praise God through our music.

Dear souls have gone on to their greater glory this year and new members have been welcomed into the family. We have baptized a few babies and married a few couples. These are the ministries most treasured, most holy.

Looking ahead into 2023

And lest we think we have time to sit back and rest changes and new visions are on the horizon.

On January 29th we will change the time of our Sunday worship to 9:00 a.m. This time change will allow Deacon Kathryn and Vicar Anne to be together every Sunday at both Churches they serve. Kathryn will live more fully into her Diaconal Ministry and receive communion weekly with the gathered Body of Christ.

We are abbreviating our weekly bulletin to offer each of us the opportunity to use the Book of Common Prayer and at the same time be more conscientious of our use of paper and care for the earth.

We have begun, through the use of Constant Contact, to send out a weekly Grace Notes that will always give you up to date information dates and times for upcoming events and gatherings, and opportunities to better engage with us. Please let Anne or Melissa know if there are ways we can improve this communication.

We are asking you to be responsible for some of our ongoing ministries.

1. Sign up to take a Sunday for Coffee Fellowship. We can show you how.
2. Sign up to place flowers on the Altar in memory of a loved one or in Thanksgiving for something or someone special

On a Personal Note

My year has been one of my busiest. I was given the opportunity to attend a CREDO Conference sponsored by the Church Pension Fund. This is a great opportunity for Clergy to assess their ministry, their personal life and their financial outlook. I came away energized and confident that I still have the energy required to want to build and grow the Episcopal Church in Greene and Madison County. I was able to move from my very expensive apartment in Charlottesville to the basement apartment in the Parish House of Piedmont Church. It was a gift to downsize both in things and in rent.

There is much to do in 2023 to spread the love of Jesus to those who have yet to hear or receive that love. I am grateful for the years we have had together and so look forward to what God has in store for us in 2023.

Deacon's Report

What do St. Stephen, St. Francis, and Lewis Carroll have in common? They were all deacons, although Lewis Carroll was certainly controversial in life.

I am blessed to be serving as a vocational deacon in both my presenting parish, Grace Church, and the parish to which I was assigned after ordination, Piedmont, Madison. One of my vows at my ordination was to “assist the bishop and priests in public worship.” This last year since coming to Grace, it has been my joy to alternate worship services with Vicar Anne and share in the pastoral care of both parishes. It has been a further joy to engage in translating Holy Scripture into the tongue of the needy every week in a homily.

- I continue to be enriched through being involved in Deep Calls to Deep, a preaching program funded by the Lilly Foundation and operated through VTS, Virginia Theological Seminary.
- As a representative of Grace Church I serve on the Youth Development Council as well as the Personnel Committee.
- Together with Piedmont Madison, I represent both churches on the Board of Directors of Skyline CAP, a community assistance program that oversees Head Start, housing choice, and Healthy Families.
- I recently submitted an application to CASA, to enable youth whose families are in our court system to have a voice and be heard.
- I am involved with the Diocesan Creation Care Committee
- I was honored to serve as a representative of both Grace and Piedmont at the recent consecration of our new Diocesan Bishop Mark Stevenson.

My own passion is to let Jesus take the lead in my life and to reach out to all of God's Creation, particularly the underserved youth, leading them to realize that they are precious to their Creator and fearfully and wonderfully made. In a community, that entails a commitment to working for safe and affordable housing, and access to mental health care. I am blessed to be at Grace where there is a community that is committed to being the Body of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Deacon Kathryn Thomas

~SENIOR WARDEN'S 2022 ANNUAL REPORT~

“The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members”, so said the late Corretta Scott King. As your outgoing Senior Warden, I can honestly agree with her and give you, the family that is Grace Church, Stanardsville, all the credit.

Let me begin with how we have shared Christ's love in the community:

- We established a Sunday School for neighborhood children,
- We held a fifth Saturday brunch for all who can come,
- We supported Tuesday's Table,
- We have had a successful fourth year of the Community Garden,
- We participated in the Ministerial Association's scholarship fundraising concert, and
- We have pledged 8% to the Diocese, exceeding their goal for us to reach 10% within the next three years

We endured with resilience a third year of Covid-19, holding services on Zoom through January. Our abstinence from Coffee Hour was lifted on March 13, and I know we are fed by the bonds to each other that are strengthened there. These enduring bonds have allowed us to do what we have done for the community while ensuring that we meet our responsibilities to each other and are responsible stewards of our resources:

- We formed a pastoral care committee,
- We have built and paved a new parking lot adjacent to the church,
- We opened a new garden for planting flowers for the Altar,
- We have helped elect the fourteenth Diocesan bishop,
- We have arranged to sell land that we were unable to use and that will benefit a former parishioner, Gina Haney. A win-win for both parties.
- We passed a 2023 budget that reflects a slight deficit, but with the excellent management of our Vestry and Vicar we will surely end with a slight surplus as we always seem to do.

How could so much be done so smoothly and, may I say, joyfully? I give full credit to our wonderful leadership team. We are so very fortunate to have Rev. Anne West as our compassionate, able, and loving pastor who has over thirty years of clerical experience. While we have had to share her with Piedmont Church, Madison, to provide her with a living wage, we have had the privilege of welcoming home one of our own, the Rev. Deacon Kathryn Thomas, who now has ten years of experience. In the role of Parish Administrator and Treasurer we lost the services of Linda Robbins and we gained a superb successor in parishioner Melissa Napier. Music is an important part of our parish worship, and we are so very blessed to have both Suzanne Pattison, Organist, and Lenny Grasso, Choir Director. They have added immeasurably to our worship experience.

Bishop Suffragan, Susan Goff, our Ecclesiastical Authority for the past four years, said in her farewell pastoral address: “Be not afraid. Rapid change will continue. We will be uplifted in prayer together. We will be resilient because God, through the church strengthens us.”

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Mingledorff
Senior Warden

~TREASURER'S 2022 REPORTS~

As you will see, Grace Church ended the year with a \$4,119.86 **deficit**, which is greater than the \$2,374 deficit that was anticipated in the budget. The reason for this is that we received less in pledges than anticipated, though we did receive more in plate donations. Another contributing factor was that our utility bills increased more than anticipated.

Moving forward, looking at the 2023 Budget which follows, you will see that the Diocese will be giving Grace Church \$18,000.00 this year in aid through the *Committee on Congregational Missions*. I personally, as Treasurer, would like to thank Rev. Anne West, the Vestry, and Linda Robbins for all their help as I have moved into this position.

I have made notations on the *2022 Closeout Report* and the *2023 Budget Report*. I hope they help in explaining our finances more clearly. Please feel free to contact me and I will gladly answer any questions you may have about them.

~STEWARDSHIP 2022 ANNUAL REPORT~

The following are details from our Stewardship Drive:

- There were 26 pledges totaling \$86,790 (A loss of 6 pledges from last year).
- 8 pledges were increased.
- 4 pledges were decreased.

As always, the Grace Church Family members showed their love and dedication to their church. Even though we lost some pledges, our plate offerings increased! Grace Church could not carry out God's work in all the many ways it does in this community if it were not for the dedicated support of each and every one of you, both financially and with your valuable time. I am so grateful to be a part of this caring and loving congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Napier
Treasurer

~TREASURER'S 2022 CLOSEOUT REPORT~

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Napier, Treasurer

OPERATING BUDGET

	Budget	Actual
	<u>2022</u>	<u>Dec 31, 2022</u>
<u>Net Budgeted Cash Flow</u>	-\$2,374	-\$4,119.86
<u>INCOME</u>	\$119,600	\$116,137.48
Pledge	\$95,500	\$86,674.00
Plate	\$3,200	\$8,508.00
Diocese of VA Aid	\$15,000	\$15,000.00
TOF Dividend	\$4,000	\$3,855.48
Small Steps Rent	\$200	\$0.00
Hall/Church Rental	\$0	\$100.00
Late 2021 Pledges	\$0	\$300.00
Unspecified Income	\$1,700	\$1,700.00
<u>EXPENSES</u>	\$121,974	\$120,257.34
<u>Clergy</u>	\$46,454	\$46,528.96
Vicars Compensation	\$35,139	\$35,139.00
Vicars Benefits	\$10,915	\$10,914.96
Supply Clergy	\$400	\$475.00
<u>Maintenance</u>	\$10,920	\$10,531.15
Church	\$8,520	\$8,356.15
Grounds	\$2,400	\$2,175.00

	Budget 2022	Actual 2022
<u>Administration</u>	\$22,552	\$23,111.80
Insurance	\$6,150	\$6,043.00
Office Equipment	\$3,000	\$1,979.23
Telephone	\$2,600	\$2,929.02
Website	\$234	\$234.00
Office Supplies	\$500	\$465.28
Printing & Postage	\$250	\$145.32
Bank, USPS & Misc. Fees	1 \$250	\$478.07
Mileage Reimbursement	\$1,000	\$889.88
Parish Administrator	2 \$8,568	\$9,948.00
<u>Utilities</u>	\$6,085	\$6,856.63
Electricity	\$3,200	\$2,913.22
Gas	\$2,200	\$2,853.13
Trash Pickup	\$300	\$336.00
Water	3 \$385	\$754.28
<u>Missionary Outreach</u>	\$14,518	\$13,473.39
Diocesan Pledge	\$8,568	\$8,568.00
Regional Pledge	\$450	\$450.00
Local Outreach	\$5,500	\$4,455.39
<u>Worship & Music</u>	\$16,790	\$16,330.64
Choir Director	\$7,518	\$7,517.76
Organist	\$8,302	\$8,302.08
Organ / Piano Maintenance	\$470	\$140.00
Altar Guild	\$500	\$370.80
<u>All Other Programs</u>	\$4,655	\$3,424.77
Adult Education	\$250	\$182.34
Children's Christian Education	\$1,800	\$1,244.25
Vicar/Deacon Continuing Education	\$500	\$500.00
Parish Life	\$525	\$382.74
Stewardship	\$75	\$61.71
Day-by-Day	\$255	\$255.00
Convention Delegates	\$750	\$672.08
Public Relations	\$500	\$126.65

Notes on Operating Budget:

1 Fee for opening the safety deposit box

3 now paying for 2 accounts

2 paid for 2 salaries in September

Notes on Restricted Funds:

1 Lenten Offering, Haiti, Ukraine, Good Friday

7 Nat'l Cathedral Trip, g/c SS teachers

2 Luncheon expenses

8 One License renewal

3 Fee to file site plans with Greene County

9 Vicar's estimated taxes- paid to Vicar quarterly

4 Donation for Ford Ave. children/clothes for par

10 Clothes for parishioner, electric for Ford Ave, Food Lion gift card, trail hotel, New Bishop vestments, car repair

5 Creation Camp

for Ford Ave, neighborhood brunch

6 moved VA Episcopalian deficit here

RESTRICTED FUNDS – December 31, 2022

	<u>Starting Balance</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>From Opr. Funds</u>	<u>To Opr. Funds</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Pass-Through	\$3,032.44	\$4,000.54	\$8,230.15	\$7,096.56	\$2,200.00	\$3,699.39
Bishop's Visit	\$0.00	\$165.00	\$165.00			\$0.00
Gifts	\$130.00	\$800.00	\$800.00			\$130.00
Outreach Programs 1	\$97.46	\$1,835.54	\$1,933.00			\$0.00
Pledge, Early 2022	\$2,200.00				\$2,200.00	\$0.00
Pledge, Early 2023	\$0.00	\$1,200.00				\$1,200.00
UTO	\$0.00					\$0.00
Payroll Deductions						
Employee State Tax	\$5.20		\$48.00	\$48.00		\$5.20
Employee SS	\$242.38		\$925.60	\$911.16		\$227.94
Employee Medicare	\$57.24		\$216.47	\$213.12		\$53.89
Employer SS	\$242.92		\$925.61	\$911.16		\$228.47
Employer Medicare	\$57.24		\$216.47	\$213.12		\$53.89
Estimated Taxes 9	\$0.00		\$3,000.00	\$4,800.00		\$1,800.00
In-House	\$7,911.13	\$50,006.00	\$51,798.34	\$700.00	\$1,700.00	\$5,118.79
Altar Guild	\$134.38					\$134.38
Capital Maintenance						
Additional Property Mtce 3	\$590.38		\$590.38			\$0.00
Capital Maintenance Fund	\$1,001.84					\$1,001.84
Parking Lot	\$0.00	\$45,600.00	\$45,533.50			\$66.50
Christian Formation 7	\$353.34	\$440.00	\$684.00			\$109.34
Deficit Paydown	\$1,700.00				\$1,700.00	\$0.00
HOPE	\$152.13					\$152.13
Outreach 4	\$264.00	\$200.00	\$150.00			\$314.00
Memorial Fund - Erikson 2	\$1,040.03	\$285.00	\$1,064.54			\$260.49
Memorial Fund - Giles 2	\$425.00		\$425.00			\$0.00
Memorial Fund - Kula 5	\$0.00	\$123.00	\$571.24	\$700.00		\$251.76
Memorial Fund - Robbins 3	\$204.82		\$204.82			\$0.00
Misc Expenses 3,6	\$681.15		\$681.15			\$0.00
Music 8	\$466.01		\$200.00			\$266.01
Pancake Supper	\$0.00					\$0.00
Poinsettias, Lilies & Flowers	\$477.01	\$414.00	\$648.65			\$242.36
Property Sale	\$0.00	\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00
Social Media	\$100.00					\$100.00
Thanksgiving	\$119.58					\$119.58
Unity Garden	\$0.00	\$20.00				\$20.00
Vicar's Discretion Fund 10	\$201.46	\$924.00	\$1,045.06			\$80.40
TOTAL (Pass-Thru & In-House)	\$10,943.57	\$54,006.54	\$60,028.49	\$7,796.56	\$3,900.00	\$8,818.18

~2023 OPERATING BUDGET~

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Notes:

5% raise for staff

Prices for utilities have risen (gas, water)

The Episcopal Church has decided that Deacons should receive money in the budget.

Pledges were down from last year.

~JUNIOR WARDEN'S 2022 ANNUAL REPORT~

As with 2021, we were able to focus our efforts on grounds maintenance, while completing small, “must do” projects in our buildings. The cornerstone of our success continues to be our wonderful volunteers, who give freely of their time and resources to keep our facilities and grounds in good shape. I also want to thank our generous parishioners and their gracious donations who turn our necessities, requirements, and aspirations into reality.

Our new Tupelo tree was delivered and planted by the crew from a local nursery, duly cared for and watered weekly, and almost a year later it is still looking healthy and happy in our front lawn. Volunteers also broke ground for our Vicar's cut flower garden and we look forward to some beautiful flowers for our altar this year.

Our CommUnity Garden continues to flourish in new and different directions, as we focus on growing not only vegetables, but our young ones and enabling them to enjoy God's creation and sufficiency from the soil to the table. It is a very exciting time and we will continue our journey of discovery and growth into 2023.

Our beautiful new parking lot and landscaping speaks for itself, and is a huge positive addition to our grounds. No doubt the trees under the powerlines will need some attention but so far so good!

Your Vestry reviewed and approved a list of potential building maintenance projects for 2023 and beyond; some of which can be funded out of our budget, and other more expensive projects from Dioceses grants, if we are able to secure those. Now that the pandemic has become more or less endemic, our ability to secure maintenance contractors to effect repairs is much greater than in the past years, and I am optimistic that our parish buildings and grounds will be in excellent hands going forward.

Faithfully submitted, Gregory Kula, Junior Warden

~WORSHIP 2021 ANNUAL REPORT~

The Worship Ministry at Grace Episcopal Church includes our Music Program, the Altar Guild, Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM), Readers, and Ushers.

Lay Volunteers

One of my jobs as Parish Administrator is to schedule the Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, and Ushers for our services during the year. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteers!

Your willingness to contribute to the worship service is so appreciated! Many thanks for being patient with me as I learn the ins and outs of this job. A big hug to Vicar Anne who is always happy to answer my many questions.



Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Napier
Parish Administrator

Music

Music at Grace Church remains alive and well! While we began with a brief return to Zoom, 2022 saw the triumphant return of our choir! We began in the spring with Sunday afternoon rehearsals and then began rehearsing on Thursday evenings in the fall. In November, we were blessed to be invited to participate in the annual Greene County Ministerial Society fundraiser concert for the Martin Luther King Jr. scholarship alongside many other church choirs across Greene County, and in December, we brought back our Lessons and Carols Service, both of which hadn't happened since 2019.

This year, we are planning to continue our Thursday evening rehearsals and hope to start singing in the services more often now that we are having weekly Eucharist. We have a couple of exciting prospects in the works that we can't wait to share with everyone, but until then, we are just glad to be back in the full swing of things this year.

-Lenny & Suzanne



Respectfully submitted,
Lenny Grasso & Suzanne Pattison
Co-Music Directors

Altar Guild

The Grace Church Altar Guild budget is used to purchase palms and palm fans, oasis for the altar vases and the Advent wreath, candle oil and wicks, ambry candles, wafers, and wine.

Occasionally there is a need for brass repair or dry cleaning. Parishioners may participate by giving memorial flowers for the altar.

The Altar Guild continued to prayerfully prepare our worship space each week, following the liturgical calendar and our own schedule for Sunday worship and other Holy days. Our thirteen members cleaned vessels, linens, and the altar space; arranged flowers and greens, filled candles with oil and replaced wicks, polished silver and brass, changed the vestments, baked bread, and set out the sacraments.

We very much appreciate their service.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Morris
Altar Guild Chairperson



Episcopal Church Women Annual Report 2022

The Episcopal Church Women of Grace Episcopal Church once again started the year trying to adapt responsibly to the pandemic.

We did not meet as a group very often, but we were able to serve in many ways: helping in the community and our neighborhood, attending ECW Diocesan meetings virtually, checking in with each other by phone or notes, and serving God in his church.

On March 5th, the Diocesan ECW Lenten Quiet Day was held virtually. The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Brooke-Davidson was the presenter. The day centered around the theme "Practicing the Way of Love" using the book, *Love is the Way* by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Bishop Jennifer's talk explored the implications for the season of Lent and how we as women of the Diocese, for the sake of love, can cross barriers.

The Diocesan Spring Meeting on Saturday, May 7th was hybrid, either by zoom or in person at Iglesia Episcopal de Santa Maria, Falls Church. The Rev. Deacon Natalie Perl Regan, St. Thomas McLean, was the keynote speaker. She continued the theme of practicing the way of love beginning with self.

The Advent Diocesan Meeting was held on December 10th, virtually. Our new Bishop, The Right Rev. Mark Stevenson gave the opening prayer and comments. The Rev. Katherine V. Ferguson was the speaker. She talked about "Beloved Community-Living Together in the kingdom of God".

Various members of ECW prepared healthy snacks for the YDC after school program from January thru April and then again from September to December. Snacks were provided for Nathaniel Greene Elementary and for the Middle School.

In May, women of Grace, gathered for a "Garden Shower" for Martha (Morris) Beard. The festive event was held at the home of Jenny Morris.

In June, the ECW provided breakfast and lunch at Grace Church for the YDC campers and staff the week of June 13th and then again the week of the 27th.

The ECW had a bake sale at the Greene County Farmers Market in October. Many women helped by baking, buying, working, and donating. This was our only fundraising activity for the year. We made over \$800 which we distributed to:

Greene Care Clinic--\$300
 Woman's Club Scholarship Fund--\$300
 ECW Diocesan Gifts and Scholarship Fund--\$300
 Dolly Parton Imagination Library--\$100

Our Christmas gathering was held at the Winslow Barn on Saturday, December 10th, from 4 until 6. We enjoyed a relaxed evening sitting by the fireplace and catching up with each other! Gifts were collected for the girls and boys at Jackson-Feild Home.

This past year has brought many joys and challenges. We find that In shared service to others and each other, we experience the joy of God among us.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jeannie Palin
 ECW President

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Treasurer' Report Summary 2022

	Receipts	Expenditures	Balance
Balance as of January 1, 2022			\$187.12
Receipts:			
Bake sale and donations	\$995.00		
Notecards	\$30.00		
TOTAL RECEIPTS:			\$1,025.00
Expenditures:			
Change for bake sale		\$50.00	
2022 Objectives----			
ECW Diocese of VA gifts and scholarships		\$300.00	
Woman's Club of Greene Co., scholarship fund		\$300.00	
Greene Care Clinic		\$100.00	
Friends of the Greene Library (PDTL)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:			\$1,050.00
Balance to date:			\$162.12

Respectfully submitted,
 Ann McDaniel
 ECW Treasurer